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File: USPT

Apr 3, 2001

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6209986 B1

TITLE: Inkjet printers

Brief Summary Text (6):

In this case, as shown in FIG. 4(A), the sectioned data is regarded as data coupled with the number of nozzles of an inkjet head 14. A final image 30 of the first page (1st sheet) coincides with a discharge nozzle region D of the inkjet head 14. Accordingly, in this condition, if the paper is carried in the forward direction by a portion of width of the inkjet head 14, the band image of the second page (2nd sheet) can be made continuous with the final band image 30 of the first page with the zero margin.

Detailed Description Text (10):

Accordingly, when the plotting of the second page starts, even if the paper 24 is carried in the X axis direction and in the forward direction by the head width, namely, the nozzle disposition region E, the starting end of the nozzle disposition region E of the inkjet head 14 adjoins the base 30a of the final band image 30 of the preceding page with a zero gap, and can plot the band image of the next frame (page) continuously without causing a gap with the band image 30 of the preceding frame.

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File: USPT

Sep 14, 2004

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6791704 B1

TITLE: Method and device for managing printing product resources available in a printer

Detailed Description Text (5):

FIG. 2 depicts a functional block diagram of a device 100 able to implement the process of predicting the quantity or quantities of printing product necessary for printing a document as soon as it is functionally interposed between a file 1 containing the document in the form of digital information and a screen 11 able to display the results, that is to say the quantities of the printing products necessary for printing the document stored in the file 1. The device can, as has been seen, be represented concretely by the computer, it can also be produced in a form of a self-contained unit housed in the printer itself or forming part of an interface circuit. The device has a page divider 2 responsible for dividing up the electronic document stored in the file 1 into groups of information, each group representing a page. Each page includes a more or less large part of the document according to the format chosen for reproduction, the dimension of the sheets of paper, etc. The information representing each page is then divided up into broadened bands by a broadened band divider 3. It should be stated that such a broadened band consists of the digital information representing a band of the page under consideration increased by an overlap margin belonging to the following band. The broadened band information determined by the divider 3 are transmitted to a conversion system, referred to as a "rasteriser" 4, which transforms the digital information transmitted by the divider 3 into at least one table T describing part of a monochromatic component of the document, each cell of the table representing a pixel. More precisely, each cell of the table (memory) contains the coordinates of a pixel and an item of information representing the fact that this pixel is "switched on" or not. In the example, the part of the monochromatic component is the one which corresponds to the broadened band in the course of processing. If the document to be printed is black and white, the rasteriser generates and fills a single table. If it is in colour, the rasteriser 4 generates as many tables as there are monochromatic components necessary for printing the document. The table T is then subjected to the action of a corrector 5 able to apply, to the table or tables, a correction involving modifications to the switched-on pixels, making it possible to improve the quality of the document to be printed. The corrector 5 uses known algorithms. When the corrector has applied such algorithms, in order to modify the illuminated pixels in the different tables T, these are read and the so-called illuminated pixels are counted by an illuminated pixel counter 6. It should be noted that this counter counts only the "useful" illuminated pixels of the table or tables, that is to say the pixels corresponding to the band under consideration, not including the margin of overlap with the following band. The results of this counting or countings are sent to a printing product volume calculator, which multiplies the number of illuminated pixels in each table by a predetermined quantity calculated from information selected in memories 7, 8 and 9.

Detailed Description Text (13):

The following step 107 consists of selecting a first broadened band in this page.

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File: USPT

Nov 23, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5991515 A

TITLE: Method and apparatus for compressing and decompressing data prior to display

Detailed Description Text (166):

FIG. 13a is a diagrammatic illustration of the process of decompressing a band as described in FIG. 13. A band 320 of data includes two bitmap regions, 322 and 324. When displayed, these regions are positioned on a background area 326. A scan line 328 starts at the left edge of the band and background pixels are output until the left border 330 of region 322 is reached. The decompression state stored at the beginning of region 322 is read by the process from the decompression buffer and the state is stored in the state buffer. The size of the height H_1 of the region in pixels is then read from the associated region descriptor so that the process will know when the decompression for the region is complete. The width W_1 of the region in pixels is also read and this amount of region data in the compressed band buffer is decompressed and output. This moves the scan line pointer to the right edge of region 322, and the location in the decompression buffer where the decompression left off is stored, for example, in RAM 39 or ASIC 38 (this location can also be stored in RAM 28 or another storage location). The process then outputs more background data until the scan line pointer moves to the left border 332 of region 324. Since this is at the beginning of region 324 (i.e., the first time the data of the region has been pointed to by the scan line pointer), the decompression state for this region is stored in a different area of the state buffer. The compressed data of region 324 on the current scan line is then decompressed similarly to region 322. Once the scan line pointer reaches the right border 334 of the band, a new scan line 336 starts at the left border of the band just under the previous scan line. In FIG. 9a, scan line 336 is shown at an exaggerated distance under scan line 328 for clarity. Background data is output until the scan line pointer for scan line 336 reaches left border 330 of region 322. At this point, the process reads in the decompression state for this region from the state buffer, the size W_1 of the region, and the location in the compressed band buffer where the decompression for region 322 left off on the previous scan line 328. The process then decompresses the data from the compressed band buffer for region 322. This process continues similarly for all regions of the page.

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Oct 26, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5971633 A

TITLE: Method and device for printing objects on a medium using square sub-bands

Brief Summary Text (28):

On the other hand, focusing attention on image data on one scan line, the aspect ratio of one page of paper size is about 1.4. Therefore, considering expansion of image data on a scan line in the long side direction of paper in the short side direction thereof by 90-degree rotation, it is desirable to provide the band buffer with a margin about 1.4 times.

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File: USPT

May 19, 1998

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5754750 A

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TITLE: Method and apparatus for displaying a page with graphics information on a continuous synchronous raster output device

Detailed Description Text (474):

The Output Interface receives arguments defining the size of the band buffer, a completion function address, left and top margin information, a count of the number of times to print the band, and flags indicating first and last band. In the non-banded case the band is a full memory image of the page and both first and last band flags are set.

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